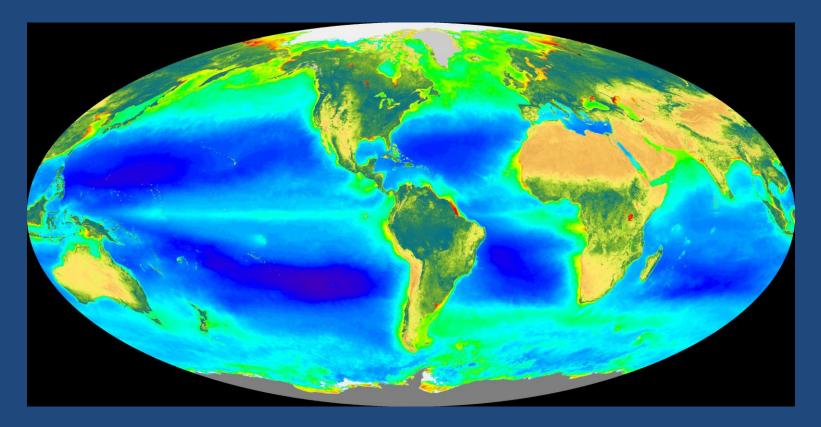
Oceanographic and Ecosystem Data



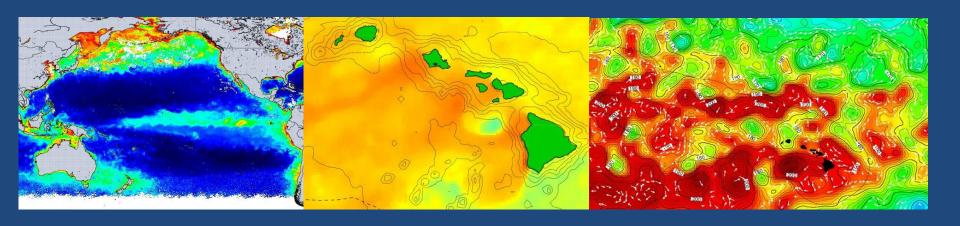
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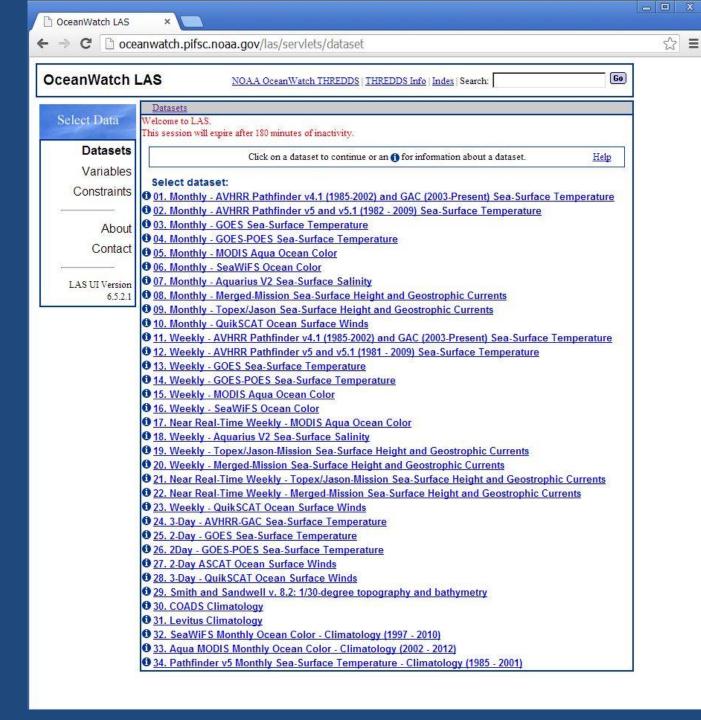
Remotely-sensed Oceanographic Data

Satellite remotely-sensed data base (http://oceanwatch.pifsc.noaa.gov/)

- temp(SST) (1982),
- salinity(2012),
- chlorophyll (1997),
- sea surface height (SSH)(1993),
- wind (various)

Spatial resolution: 250 m to 40 km, temporal resolution: 2-day to monthly.





In-situ Oceanographic data

- Data collected from NOAA Ships
- AUV, Glider,
- pop-up, and
- archival tags on animals,
- TDRs on commercial longlines,
- moorings, etc.

Data include

- vertical profiles of temp, salinity, chlorophyll
- passive acoustics,
- visual imagery,
- fish habitat depth and temperature,
- longline temperature and depth, etc.

Other In-situ Data used by the Center

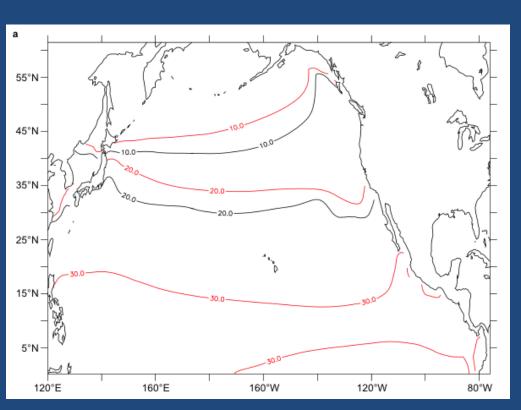
- Argos Drifting and Profiling floats,
- TAO Array,
- World Ocean Atlas provide currents, oxygen, nutrients, etc.

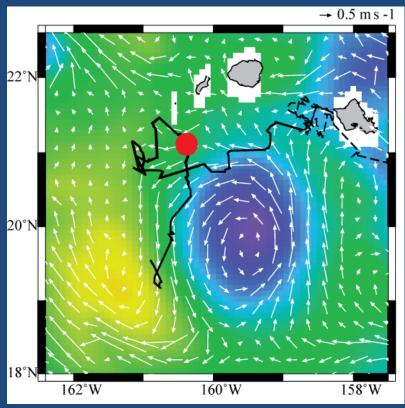


Oceanographic data from models and Indicators

Models – ocean (NLOM, HYCOM) (regional, Basin-wide), climate (IPCC) (physical and biological)

Basin-scale indices: ENSO, PDO, etc





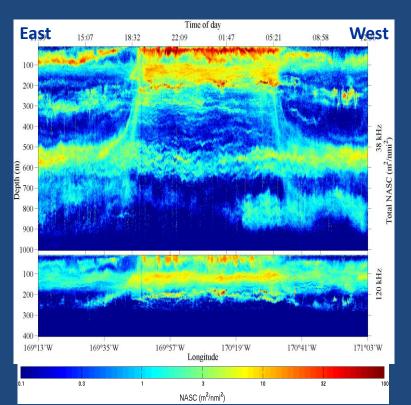
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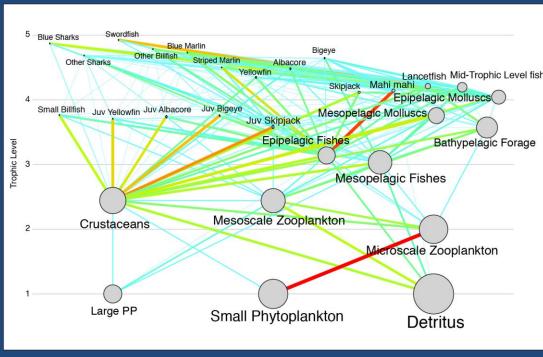
Fisheries Data – Observer, logbook (effort, catch by species, operational information)

Active acoustic data and trawl data for scattering layers from cruises

Passive acoustics from moorings and ships for cetaceans and fish vocalizations

Model Data – Ecopath/Ecosim, Size-based, Sepodym

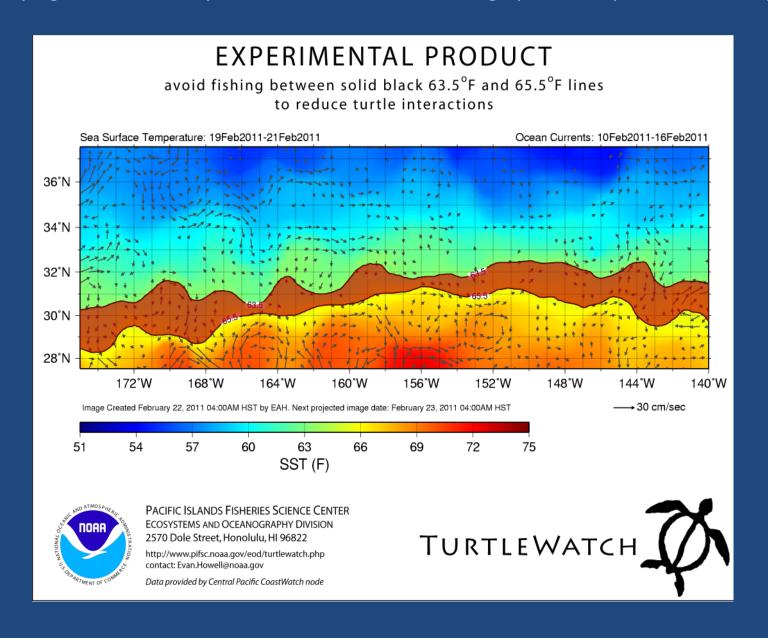




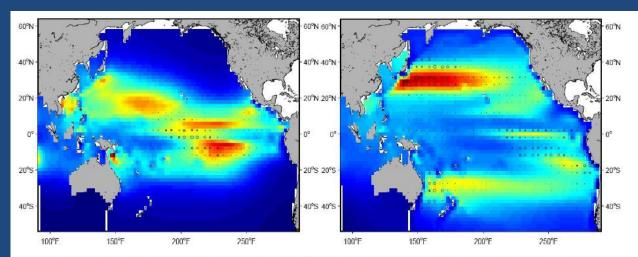
Some ways these data used in stock assessment/population dynamics at the Center

- 1. In GAMs to produce standardized CPUE time series SST, SSH, gradients, persistence, etc.
- 2. In GAMs built from observer data and applied to logbook data for species not fully reported in logbooks SST
- 3. In habitat models to refine fishing effort time series by using only effort within a species habitat (depth) subsurface temp
- 4. Linking dynamics of a feature to population dynamics TZCF, SECC, TurtleWatch
- 5. Linking population productivity or spatial shifts to basin-scale indicators, ENSO, PDO regime shifts
- 6. Using ecosystem models that capture both bottom-up and top down responses Ecopath/Ecosim, Sepodym, Size-based models

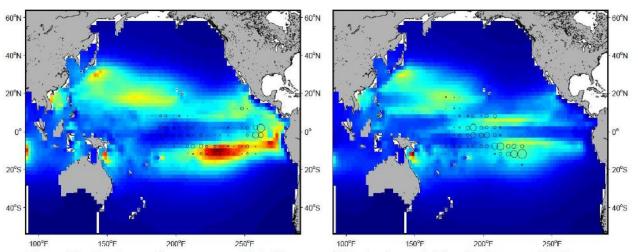
Identifying location of a dynamic ocean feature with high probability of sea turtle bycatch



Predicting the spatial distribution and dynamics of swordfish from an ecosystem model (SEPODYM)

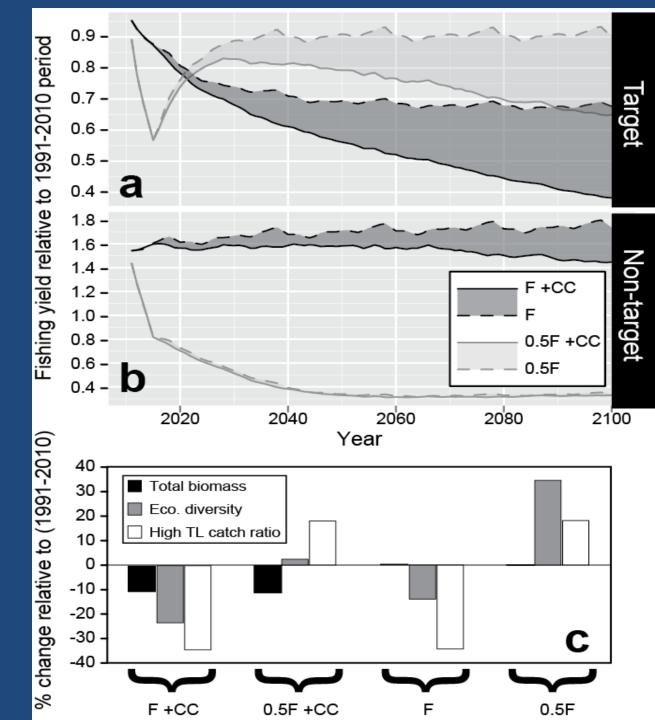


Mean distributions (in Nb/sq.km) of young (left) and adults (right) from 1992-2001 overlaid with Korean (L5) and Japanese (L4) CPUEs (circles), respectively.

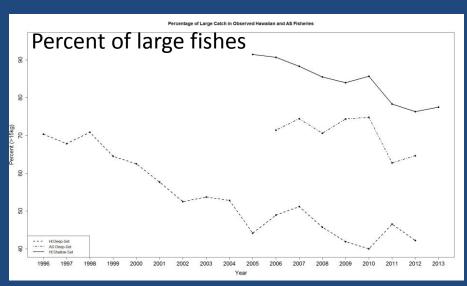


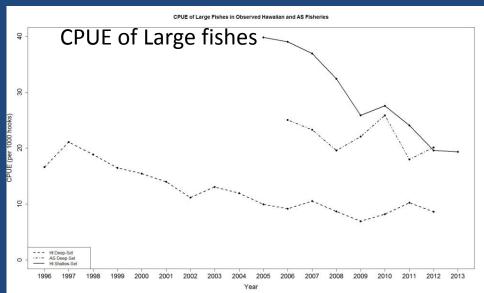
Mean distributions of young swordfish biomass (N/sq.km) overlaid with Korean CPUEs (L5) during the 1998 El Niño event (left, Oct. 1997 – Feb. 1998) and during La Niña (right, Jul. 1998 – Jan. 1999)

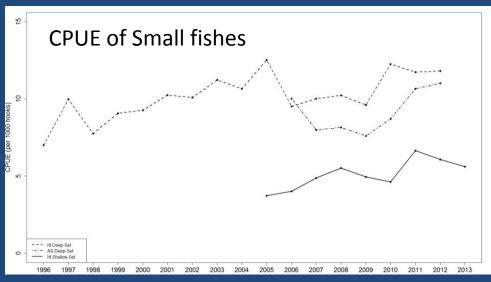
Assessing impacts to Hawaii's longline fishery from fishing and climate change with an ecosystem model (Ecopath/Ecosim) driven by output from a climate model (GFDL's ESM)



Ecosystem Indicators for Am Samoa, Hawaii Swordfish and Hawaii Tuna Longline Fisheries







Going forward in an EAFM Context

- Ecosystem Status Reports or Ecosystems
 Considerations chapters presented together with stock
 assessments. However, understanding the appropriate
 linkages and building the indicators remain a challenge.
- Linking single species stock assessments with ecosystem models to: i) evaluate harvests relative to system productivity, ii) ecosystem impacts from all fisheries removals, and iii) run ecosystem MSEs
- Move from single species to ecosystem assessments

Summary

- A broad suite of environmental and ecosystem data are currently available and are expected to expand over time.
- Oceanographic data have been and are used (indirectly) in Center stock assessments.
- Considerable use of environmental and ecosystem data at the Center but primarily in research rather than in operational assessments.
- Considerable potential but also challenges exist in moving to EAFM. Subject of new NMFS Stock Assessment Improvement Plan.